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SUBJ: ICCS REGION I INVESTIGATIONS

1. HUE AREA DIRECTOR HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
ON REGION I ICCS DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO ICCS REGION I SOURCES, THE ICCS REPORT ON THE  
APRIL 7 HELICOPTER INCIDENT IN WESTERN QUANG TRI WAS COMPLETED  
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ON MAY 10. EACH NATIONAL DELEGATION SUBMITTED DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS.

THE HUNGARIANS APPARENTLY STATE THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE WHAT EXACTLY OCCURRED ON APRIL 7, WHILE THE POLES ADMIT THAT SOME FIRING DID TAKE PLACE IN THE AREA WHERE THE HELICOPTERS WENT DOWN. THE CANADIANS CONCLUDE THAT HELICOPTER 006 WAS DESTROYED BY A MISSILE. THE INDONESIANS PRESENT THE STRONGEST CONCLUSIONS, BLAMING THE PRG FOR THE TRAGEDY AND HINTING THAT THE SHOOTING AT THE HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY PLANNED.

3. THE ICCS REGION I REPORT ON THE MAY 2 INCIDENT IN WHICH TWO ICCS HELICOPTERS WERE FIRED UPON NEAR THE THACH HAN RIVER WAS ALSO COMPLETED ON MAY 10. APPARENTLY THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT ARE VAGUE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CLARITY AS TO WHO EXACTLY FIRED UPON THE HELICOPTERS. DESPITE THE ASSERTIONS OF THE INDONESIAN TEAM MEMBER ABOARD ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS, THE INDONESIANS WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE FROM WHERE THE AUTOMATIC FIRE CAME.

4. THERE APPARENTLY IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO THE STATUS OF THE ICCS INVESTIGATION INTO THE APRIL 26 ATTACK BY FIRE AGAINST LA SON ( FIRE SUPPORT BASE ANZIO). CANADIAN MEMBERS OF ICCS HAVE INFORMED THE HUE AREA DIRECTOR THAT ONLY THE CANADIANS HAVE CONDUCTED AN " OBSERVATION" AT LA SON WHILE THE GVN JMC REPRESENTATIVES STATED ALL FOUR ICCS DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED THE SITE. INVESTIGATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEGUN OF THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON OP HOANG HAU ( HELEN) IN EARLY APRIL AND THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF TWO ARVN DURING A PRISONER RELEASE AT THE THACH HAN ON APRIL 30.  
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